**Level 1**

**My World**

Who am I?

me

family

community

world

description

Basic greetings, name, age, etc.

Who am I?

Who are you?

Where do I live?

Where am I from (heritage/family ancestry)?

Friends/Family/Pets

Community Members – teachers, police, etc….

Population – numbers

Your alter-ego – create and alternative identity in country where language is spoken

**All Work and No Play**

activities

making plans

spending time with friend

entertainment

time

**Stereotypes/Consumerism**

clothing ??

physical identity

wants/needs/shopping

money

**Travel**

Vacation

seasons/months

transportation

food/allergies

**Leadership**

School/Education/Literacy

Leadership traits/personality

Current leaders/future leaders

Schooling / education

dressing the part – you have to watch the clothing chapter, textbooks don’t handle it well

**Competition or cooperation**

sports/activities

winter / summer sports, add in seasons, etc

the Olympics

21st Century Olympics – new “sports”

where, when, who wins,

mascots

**Managing Stress**

food/health

support – friends, family

celebrations

my space – home vs house

vacation – work vs. vacation

multi-tasking

**The Rise and Fall of (civilization)**

Other civilizations – Mayan might be good because of 2012

Archeology (housing), anthropology

What defines our current civilization – time capsule….

liberty/freedom

**Consumerism**

what do you need/want

economics – better to save or spend

how much does it cost here/ there, why – exchange rates

Where are my 5 favorite things made?

Buy American- what is American?

why is gas so expensive?

**Level 2**

**Legends**

**Environment**

**Buen Provecho**

food

restaurant

celebrations

**Healthy Lifestyle**

(Live Strong)

Health

Food

Restaurant

**Consumerism**

Clothes – where made, etc

Wants vs. Needs

Trade

Currency

**Around the World/Eco-tourism**

Vacation – travel aspects

Planes/Trains/Automobiles

Physical/virtual travel

**Heroism -**

bio reading, movie clips, who are heros – sports figures, who are heros in other countries/cultures, who is a personal hero, etc.

**My Community**

* School
* Municipal
* Friends/Family
* Community Issues/problems

Environmental Considerations – fuel efficiency, cost of gas, etc.

**Leisure**

(Balance of Life)

Museums

Movies/Theater/Opera

Sports

TV

Stress Reduction

**Level 3**

**Who Belongs?**

Immigration

Stereotypes/Prejudices

Appearance

*La Misma Luna*

**Rites of passage**

**Emotional Intelligence**

weddings, funerals, bar mitzvahs

stages of life – multigenerational families

middle school – hs – college

independent living

**Global citizen**

**Culture Shock**

(Tourist or Resident)

Family stay

youth hostel

class trips

hotels

study abroad

**Conflict** – this is a good level 3 topic, teenagers are always in conflict, connects to themes in literature, historical events, movies, etc. – connects to grammar topics, telling stories in different time frames